



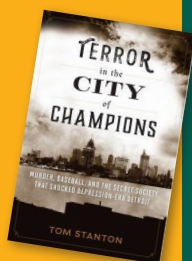
MEET THE AUTHOR:

Tom Stanton

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(3644 South 9th Street)

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- July 9, Red Sea Pedestrians
- August 13, Out of Favor Boys

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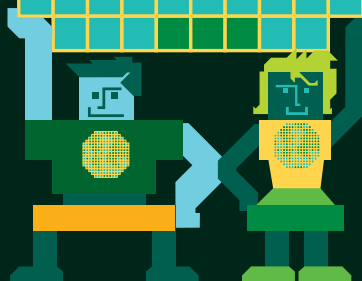
Join us for movies under the stars! Bring a blanket or a lawn chair, bug spray, and a flashlight. Co-sponsored by Oshtemo Friends of the Parks. Weather permitting.

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**BUILD A
BETTER
WORLD**



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

2017

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FRIENDS OF KALAMAZOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Bag-of-Books Sale

Sat, June 3, 9 am – 3:30 pm,

Central parking lot (corner of Rose and Lovell)

Join us during June Jubilee on Saturday, June 3 and get great deals on books, music, and movies. Fill a grocery-size bag full of books for only \$2 or pay 10¢ per book. Please feel free to bring your own reusable bag. Books are sorted by category. You will find: fiction & mystery, romance, science fiction, large print, assorted nonfiction, children's books, and more.



**KPL Director Ann Rohrbaugh
announces her retirement.**



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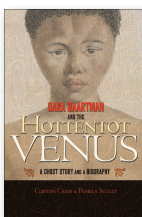
WSQ (Washington Square) 553-7970

BOOKS

Staff Picks Live in the Park

Fridays, June – August,
11:30 am-1:30 pm, Bronson Park

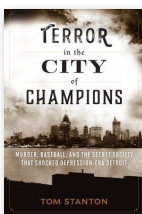
Join KPL staff members in Bronson Park this summer during Lunchtime Live to hear about some of their favorite titles and get live book recommendations. Bring your KPL library card and check out these must-reads on the spot!



Powell Book Discussion

Tues, June 27,
6 pm, POW

Sara Baartman was an African woman exhibited across Britain as 'The Hottentot Venus' by showman Hendrik Cezar between 1810 and 1814. We will discuss the book *Sara Baartman and the Hottentot Venus: a Ghost Story and a Biography* by Clifton Crais & Pamela Scully, in connection with the perception and exploitation of the black female body in today's hip hop/pop culture.



Tom Stanton Author Visit

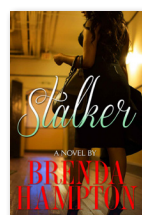
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Urban Fiction Book Discussion

Tuesdays, July 25 &
August 22, 6 pm, POW

Join the Powell Book Discussion Group as we share our insights and reviews on works by various authors. In July, the group will discuss *Boss* by Tracy Brown. In August, the group will discuss *Stalker* by Brenda Hampton.



HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Our Favorite Place: A Better Bronson Park for the 21st Century

Wed, June 7, 7 pm, CEN

Volunteers from the Bronson Park 21st Century Campaign will present a slide show and short video, illustrating Bronson Park's history, and the exciting, first-ever, publicly-assembled master plan improvements that will more fully activate the park, and enhance its enjoyment by all of Kalamazoo.

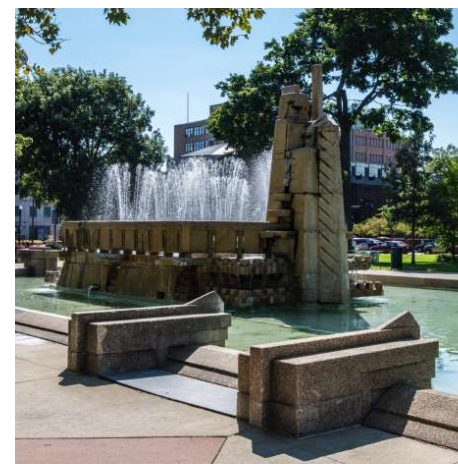
Long before it was a park, the area was the center of a vibrant Pottawatomi community. Learn how it became the heart of the village of Bronson, and later Kalamazoo. Find out about the fountains, monuments, and sculptures that have graced the park since it was founded, and the important historic figures who spoke there, including three U.S. presidents.

What changes will be made to the park as the master plan is implemented? What will move, and where? What's new? What will be preserved? How will the treatment of the sculpture be handled?

Who was Alfonso Iannelli, and why is his complete Fountain Complex listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a site of national significance?



Learn the answers to these questions, and ask your own.



ASK A LAWYER

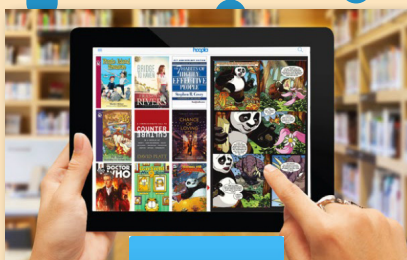
For an appointment or information, call the Law Library at 553-7920.



Free legal clinics for persons of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law. For a free 20-minute appointment, call: 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

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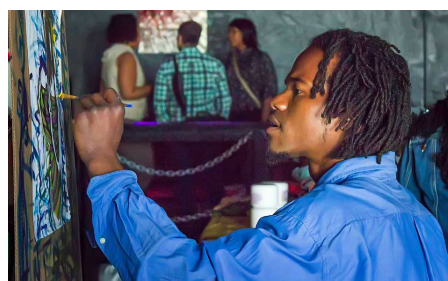
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Art Hop – A Juneteenth Celebration

Fri, June 2, 5-7 pm, POW

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers landed in Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and the enslaved were now free. This occurred two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Join us for a Juneteenth Celebration with local activist, musician, and artist, Calvin Green. This festive night will feature an art show, drum circle and more.



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THINK OF LINK

<https://tinyurl.com/KPLLINK>

Washington Square Family Reunion

Wed, July 19, 6:30-8 pm, WSO

Was the Washington Square Library *your* library when you were a kid? Do you remember bringing your own kids to the library? Is it your neighborhood library now? Many have found this library to be a special place since its opening in 1927. Join us to celebrate 90 wonderful years with cake, a short presentation on the history of the library, and a gallery of photographs of the library and neighborhood over the past 90 years.



Eclipse Program

Presented by the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society
Mon, July 24, 6 pm, POW

Richard Bell of the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society will join us to talk about the upcoming solar eclipse. Learn about the science, history, and safe viewing of solar eclipses. Solar filtered eclipse glasses will be available for attendees. Families welcome.



Gordita Making

Mon, July 24, 6 pm, EAS

Join Maria Hernandez and learn how to make some great tasting gorditas.

Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion

Sat, August 5, 12-5 pm, LaCrone Park
535 W. Paterson, Kalamazoo, MI, 49048

Join KPL staff at this annual community event sponsored by Mothers of Hope. The *Ultimate Family Reunion* event connects the community with resources in an effort to empower residents in Kalamazoo.

Jewelry Creations by Niecy

Tues, August 8, 6 pm, POW

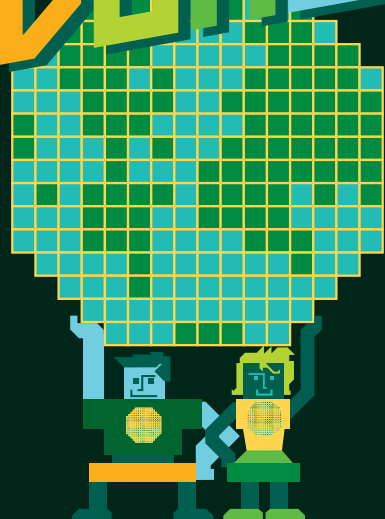
Mon, August 21, 6 pm, EAS

Join us as jewelry maker, Flora Orr, shows us how to layout and string beautiful necklaces and/or bracelets.



2017 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

BUILD A BETTER WORLD



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JUNE 1 – AUGUST 31, 2017

Are you up to the challenge?

- 1 Sign up at any KPL location or online at kpl.beanstack.org beginning June 1.
- 2 Visit our booth on the corner of South & Rose Street during June Jubilee on June 3, 10 am – 2 pm to sign-up.

Details can be found at
kpl.gov/summer

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

Can you read or listen to books for at least 20 minutes a day, every day? If you accept the challenge, simply record each day that you read for 20 minutes or more on your challenge card or log your reading online at kpl.beanstack.org. When you have completed 15 days (they do not need to be consecutive days), bring your challenge card to the library for a reward or let library staff know you earned a reward online.

PLAY ONLINE!

Log your daily reading, view book lists, get or make book recommendations, and earn digital badges. Take the Master Builder challenge! Complete any 10 of the 20 learning track challenges and earn the Master Builder digital badge.

READING REWARDS

There are 92 possible reading days from Wednesday, June 1 through the challenge's end on Thursday, August 31. You may complete four, 15-day reading segments within those 92 days, so you can earn up to four rewards!

CLAIMING YOUR REWARD

When it's time to claim a reward you can either

- bring your challenge card to any KPL location to report your progress
- let staff know you earned a reward online

Staff will record your progress and give you a prize.

REWARDS☆	15 DAYS	30 DAYS	45 DAYS	60 DAYS
PRESCHOOL (Birth-K)	Book	Book	Book	SRC t-shirt
KID (Grades* 1-4)	Book	Book	Book	SRC t-shirt
TWEEN & TEEN (Grades 5-12)	Book	Book	Book	KPL Stainless Steel Water Bottle
ADULT	—	—	—	KPL Stainless Steel Water Bottle

☆ All prizes available while supplies last

* Choose the grade the child will enter in fall of 2017

DEADLINE

Please report all game play at least 15 minutes before the library closes. All rewards must be redeemed no later than **Thursday, August 31**. No exceptions.

For more information about how to sign up for Summer Reading Challenge, please visit kpl.gov/summer.



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Tween & Teen events

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WORDS

Writer's Workshop, Grades 5-12

**Tuesdays, July 25, August 1, 8, 15,
6 pm, CEN Teen Area**

Get together with other teen writers to trade writing tips, tricks, prompts, and constructive criticism. Bring a project you are working on or start something new.



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BOOKS

Teens' Top 10 Book Club

**Mondays,
June 19, July 10, 24, 4:30 pm
& August 7, 21, 6 pm, CEN Teen Area**



Make your voice count and help create the 2017 Teens' Top 10 list used by librarians, teachers, and teens across the country! Get early access to the hottest new teen titles before publication, vote for your favorites, and write reviews to send directly to the publishers. Volunteer hours available. Earn a raffle ticket for the grand prize drawing for every review you submit! This summer's grand prize is a chance to choose your own Top 10 to keep!

Even if you can't participate on Monday afternoons, sign up at **www.kpl.gov/teen**, and pick up your ARCs (advance reader copies) at Central Library today. Read and submit your reviews from any PC or mobile device. This program will continue in fall 2017 and beyond. For more information contact librarian, Andrea Vernola at **andreav@kpl.gov**.

R Pizza & Pages

Your free-to-keep copy of the book is available up to 1 month ahead at the library location. Read it and come back to talk about it with pizza! Please register.

Sat, July 22, 12 pm, CEN
***Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson**

Thurs, August 10, 4:30 pm, POW
***The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas**



GEEK OUT!

Pokemon Party, Grades 5-12

**Tues, June 20,
5:30 pm, OSH**



Celebrate all things Pokemon. Challenge other trainers in a battle with cards and make Pokemon themed crafts. Play Pokemon trivia and win prizes!

R Team Trivia, Grades 5-12

**Wed, July 19, 5:30 pm,
CEN Van Deusen Room**

Think you know it all? Get your team of 2-5 members together for 6 rounds of brain-busting trivia! Prizes awarded to top teams. Snacks provided. Registration ends July 17.

Comics Club, Grades 5-12

**Wednesdays, July 26, August 2, 9, 16,
2 pm, CEN Teen Area**

Love comics and graphic novels? Here's your chance to create your own. Perfect your drawing and storytelling techniques in this weekly comics club.



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GAMING

Gamer's Arena, Grades 5-12

Thursdays, June 22, July 13, 27,
August 10, 2 pm, CEN Teen Area

Get ready for an afternoon of pixel punching, fast driving, card flipping, tower toppling, monster fighting, video games, board games, card games, and more. We'll spotlight a different game each session. Bring your own games or play ours!



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MAKER

LEGO One-Scoop Challenge, Grades 5-12

Saturdays, June 10, July 22, August 19,
2 pm, CEN Teen Area

The Challenge: create greatness with a single scoop! Everyone will get one scoop of LEGOs to create a masterpiece. What will you make with your single scoop?

Maker Monday, Grades 5-12

Mondays, June 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31,
August 7, 14, 2 pm, CEN Teen Area

Tinker, make, create, and explore @ the library. Each week will feature different ideas and materials. Focus on the process (not the product) and make whatever you want! Check out www.kpl.gov for the details.

Art Attack, Grades 5-12

Tuesdays, June 20, 27, July 11, 18,
2 pm, CEN Teen Area

Join us as we get in touch with our creative side. We'll work on a different art technique and project each week. Supplies limited to the first 30 participants.

® Jewelry Creations by Niecy, Grades 5-12

Tues, June 20, 4:30-5:30 pm, POW
Wed, July 19, 4:30-5:30 pm, EAS

Create a one of a kind piece of jewelry with Niecy. All supplies provided. Please register.

Bad Art Night, Grades 5-12

Mon, July 24, 6-7:30 pm, CEN Teen Area

Make a painting, sculpture, drawing, a necklace—whatever kind of art you want as long as it's really bad! We'll set up an exhibition of Bad Art and vote. The absolute worst will win a prize! Supplies limited to the first 30 participants.

Sharpie Tie Dye, Grades 5-12

Mon, August 21, 2 pm, WSQ

Make a one of a kind creation. Supplies provided.



MUSIC & FILM

Movie Night, Grades 5-12

Wednesdays, June 21, July 12,
August 16, 6 pm, CEN Teen Area

Enjoy a film and snacks with friends this summer. Movies to be announced at www.kpl.gov.

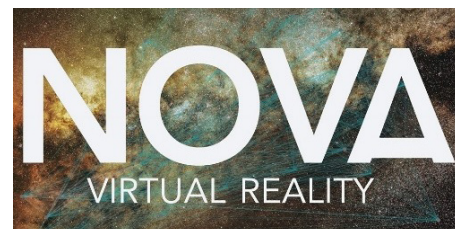


Audio Exploration, Grades 5-12

Thursdays, June 29, July 20,
August 3, 17, 2 pm, CEN Teen Area

Want to try your hand at music making? Try out all sorts of different music gear and software. Talk to musicians and industry professionals. Experiment with music making in a group setting!

TECH



Nova VR, Ages 13+

Mon, July 12, 2 pm, POW
Wed, July 25, 2 pm, EAS
Wed, August 23, 3 pm, OSH

Experience virtual reality with Kalamazoo's own VR Arcade, Nova VR.

Tech Tuesday, Grades 5-12

Tuesdays, July 25, August 1, 8, 15,
2 pm, CEN Teen Area

Explore technology with other techies! Each week will feature different ideas and materials. Check out www.kpl.gov for the details.

& MORE

R Escape the Library!

Grades 5-12, CEN

GAME 1: Thurs, June 22, 2 pm & 4 pm

GAME 2: Sat, July 15, 1 pm & 3 pm

GAME 3: Mon, August 21, 4 pm & 6 pm

Escape the library! You and your team will have to decipher coded messages and solve the clues that lead to the keys for escape. Will your team have the teamwork skills and brainpower to be the first to break out? A new game with all new clues each month. Always a ton of fun with great prizes! Please register.



Growlers Skills Clinic

Mon, June 26, 1 pm, WSQ

Tues, July 11, 1 pm, OSH

Join the players from the Kalamazoo Growlers for a baseball skills clinic. Batter up! All skill levels welcome. Outdoor event!



Disc Golf, Grades 5-12

Mondays, July 10, 17, 24, 31,

August 7, 14, 4:30 pm, OSH

Learn to play disc golf with others. No experience necessary! Gear provided but feel free to bring your own. Outdoor event, weather permitting.

Open Roads Fixapalooza,

Grades 3-12

Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25,
August 1, 8, 15, 3:30-5:30 pm, POW

Drop in, get free parts, and learn how to get your bike into good shape this summer. Get there early to get the most out of the experience!



R Teen Focus Group,

Grades 7-12

Thurs, July 13, 4 pm, CEN Teen Area

Help us by giving your ideas and input on the redesign of the Teen Space at Central. Refreshments served. Participants eligible to win prizes. Please register.

R Fresh Food for Teens, Grades 5-12

Thurs, July 20, 4 pm, CEN

Mon, August 14, 6 pm, CEN

Join Hether Frayer, the Fresh Food Fairy, to make healthy snacks and smoothies with her now-famous bike blender. All supplies provided. Please register.



R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.

R Nerf War!, Ages 6 and up

Mon, July 24, 2 pm, WSQ

Are you Nerf enough? Run, dodge, and dive as you outwit and out-blast the competition at this Nerf mobile game event. Please register.



R Sweet Eats, Grades 5-12

Wed, July 26, 4:30 pm, EAS

Come have fun with Emy Dykstra, owner of Chocolates for All Occasions and Cakes Too Bakery. Learn to decorate cupcakes in fun ways! All supplies provided. Please register.

College and Career Readiness, Grades 8-12

Mon, August 14, 5:30-7 pm, EAS

Tues, August 29, 5:30-7 pm, POW

Get ready for life after high school.



R Be the Change, Grades 5-12

Sat, August 19, 10 am - noon,
CEN Van Deusen Room

Wanting to make a change in your community but unsure where to begin? We'll meet different groups working to make a difference in Kalamazoo, have lunch together, and work on a service project. Volunteer hours available. Please register.

events Kids

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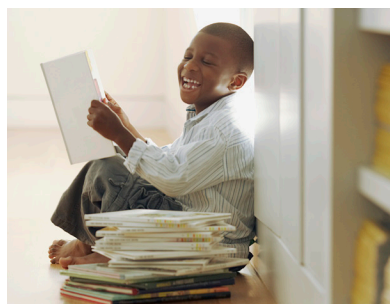
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BOOK NOOK

Rocket Readers, Grades K-2

Thursdays, June 29, July 27,
August 24, 4:30 pm, CEN

Come join this new book club for young readers. We will have a blast building our vocabulary, encouraging language development, and talking about the books we love to read.



MOVE!

R Tumble Toddlers, Ages 1-3

Saturdays, June 10 & July 8,
10:30 am, CEN

Toddlers and caregivers will love this free movement experience in a big open space. Registration required.

Zumba Dance, Ages 6-11

Thursdays, July 20 & August 10,
2 pm, CEN

Get your groove on this summer with Zumba Dance presented by Heather Mitchell. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

R Martial Arts with Charles Parker, Ages 7-18

Thurs, August 3, 2 pm (ages 7-10)
and 3 pm (ages 11-18), EAS

Learn self-defense techniques with Charles Parker, 3rd degree Judo instructor. Registration required.

STEM

LEGO at the Library, Family

Saturdays, June 3, July 1, August 5,
10:30 am, OSH
Saturdays, June 17, July 15, August 19,
10:30 am, CEN
Tuesdays, June 20, July 18, August 22,
2 pm, POW
Thursdays, June 15, July 13, August 10,
2 pm, EAS

Build, create, and imagine with other LEGO fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder.

R Little Scientists, Ages 3-6

Mondays, June 12 & July 10,
10:30 am, CEN
Fridays, June 16, July 21, August 18,
10:30 am, OSH

Explore science with us, through stories, songs, and experiments. Learn and play along with your preschoolers. Two locations this summer! Registration required. Topics posted at www.kpl.gov/kids.



Hot Wheels Racing, Family

Wednesdays, June 14, July 12,
August 9, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Build tracks, race cars, crash into LEGO buildings, jump block towers, and whatever else you can think of. STEM education has never been so much fun.

R Rockin' Rollercoasters, Ages 8-11

Mon, July 10, 2 pm, WSQ

Explore speed, mass, g-force, and energy by building and testing a large-scale roller coaster. Presented by Air Zoo Science-on-the-Go. Registration required.

SCIENCEPALOOZA!, Family

Mon, July 24, 12-3 pm, CEN

Discover the wonders of science at this interactive, hands-on program presented by the Michigan Science Center. Explore a variety of STEM-based activity stations.

R Slime Works, Ages 6-11

Thurs, July 27, 2 pm, EAS

Learn how different combinations of chemicals can result in gooey, squirmy slime at this exciting Air Zoo Science-on-the-Go program. Registration required.

R Senses and Sense-a-bilities, Ages 6-11

Thurs, August 17, 2 pm, EAS
Tues, August 29, 2 pm, POW

Make sense of the five senses with fun hands-on-activities. Understand why creatures have features assisting in survival. Snacks included. Registration required.

MUSIC & THEATRE

Wee Sing, Play & Dance Now, Ages 15 months to 3 years

Mondays, June 12, July 10, August 14,
6:30 pm, OSH
Mondays, June 26, July 24, August 28,
6:30 pm, CEN

Little ones will enjoy singing, dancing, moving, listening, and playing simple instruments. Facilitated by early childhood music educator, Colleen Yonge.

Jim Gill Concert, Family

Thurs, June 22, 6:30 pm, Oshtemo
Township Park

Get ready to sing, clap, and dance at this fun family concert with award-winning musician and author Jim Gill.

Sweet Baby Blues, Family

Wed, July 12, 6:30 pm, CEN
Thurs, July 13, 3:30 pm, POW

It's Blues Festival time! Feel the rhythm, dance to the beat, sing, and play with Bluesy Suzy and her *Blues Sisters*, Millie & Bella.

How We Came to the Fifth World, Family

Sat, July 29, 2 pm, CEN

Magical Rain Theaterworks and *Despierta Kalamazoo* present a spectacular blacklight production inspired by this Aztec creation myth.

AMAZING ANIMALS

R Stories with Jethro, Family
Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, July 11, 18, 25,
August 1, 8, 15, 4-5:30 pm, OSH

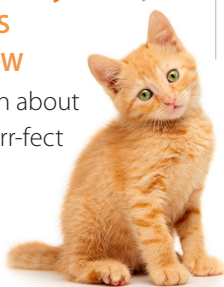
Jethro is a dog that loves to listen to stories. Come to the library and read to Jethro. Call location to register.

R Reading with Tucker, Family
Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27,
4-5:30 pm, CEN
Wednesdays, August 2, 23, 30,
4-5:30 pm, POW

Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience. Read to Tucker, the very friendly golden retriever. Call location to register.

Here, Kitty Kitty Kitty, Family
Mon, July 17, 4 pm, EAS
Wed, July 19, 4 pm, POW

Meet a feline friend, learn about cat care, and listen to purr-fect stories about kitties.



T Binder Park Zoomobile, Family
Mon, June 19, 2 pm, EAS

Experience the wonders of nature first hand with live animals and amazing animal artifacts. FREE ticket required. Contact the Eastwood branch for ticket information.

T Once Upon a Raptor, Family
Tues, July 25, 4 pm, POW
Mon, August 7, 2 pm, EAS

Explore the habits of birds with touchable artifacts and four different species of live raptors presented by the Kalamazoo Nature Center. Free ticket required. Contact location for ticket information.



T Under Construction: Nature's Best Builders, Family
Tues, August 1, 2 pm, OSH

Birds, beavers, and bees! Explore how these clever builders construct their homes at this hands-on workshop presented by the Kalamazoo Nature Center. Free ticket required. Contact the Oshtemo Branch for ticket information.

R Ferret Fun Returns!, Family

Mon, August 14, 11 am, CEN and 2 pm, WSQ

Dee Gage and her furry ferret friends are back by popular demand! Learn all about ferrets at this fun and informative program. Registration required.



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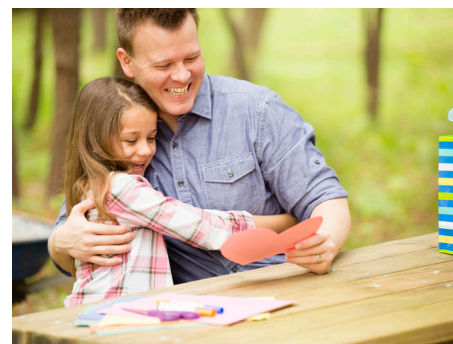
T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Father's Day Gift Making, Ages 6-11

Wed, June 14, 4:30 pm, OSH

Make a special gift for that special person. All materials provided.



Global Art, Ages 6-11

Wednesdays, June 28 & August 23, 4 pm, CEN

Mon, July 10, 2 pm, EAS

Explore history, geography, language, and culture by creating art inspired from around the world.

R The Pillowcase Project: Learn, Practice, Share, Ages 8-11
Tues, August 1 & 15, 4:30 pm, CEN

Decorate your very own pillowcase and learn how it can help you with emergency preparedness; presented by the American Red Cross. Registration required.

R Draw A Story with Ruth McNally Barshaw, Ages 8-11
Mon, August 21, 2 pm, EAS

Illustrator Ruth McNally Barshaw will teach you creative writing, drawing, and storytelling techniques at this interactive workshop. Registration required.

Summer Crafternoon, Ages 6-11
Mon, August 28, 1 pm, EAS

Drop in and make some wonderful crafts to take home.



STAY & PLAY

Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3

Mondays, 10:15 am, OSH

June 5, 12, 19, 26

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

August 7, 14, 21, 28

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1-3 year-olds. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.

Baby Talk, Up to Age 1 Year

Mondays, 2:30 pm, OSH

June 5, 12, 19, 26

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

August 7, 14, 21, 28

Talk about the care of babies up to one year of age with other parents. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.

R 1-2-3 Play with Me, Ages 1-3

Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28,

10:30 am, OSH

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26,

10:30 am, CEN

Mondays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,

10:30 am, OSH

Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable one-month workshop. For children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Registration required. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with registered toddler.

Play and Learn, Ages 1-5

Every Monday, 3:30 pm-5 pm, EAS

Every Thursday, 10:30 am-12 pm, EAS

Every Thursday, 3:30-5 pm, WSQ

Every Friday, 10:30 am-12 pm, POW

Engage in play for early learning. Drop in during the posted open times. For children ages 1 to 5 with caregiver, siblings welcome.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

STORYTIMES

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27,

10:30 am, CEN

Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,

10:30 am, CEN

Songs, movement, and stories.

Baby Lapsit, Birth – Pre-walkers

Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28,

10 am, CEN

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26,

10:15 am, OSH

Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,

10 am, CEN

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies from birth to walking with their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Steps, Walkers – 24 Months

Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28,

10:30 am, CEN

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26,

11 am, OSH

Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,

10:30 am, CEN

Rhymes, songs, and books for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.



CEN
(Central Library)
553-7800

EAS
(Eastwood)
553-7810

OSH
(Oshtemo)
553-7980

POW
(Alma Powell)
553-7960

WSQ
(Washington Square)
553-7970



Family Storytime, Family

Stories, activities, and special guests designed for birth-5 and their families.

Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

July 6, 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 4, 11, 18, 25

Stroller Walk, Family

Fridays, June 2, July 7, August 4,

10:30 am, OSH

Meet at the library and stroll around the park. Come back to the library for stories and a treat. Weather permitting.

Tales on the Trail, All Ages

Fridays, June 16, July 14, August 11,

10:30 am, POW

Join us on the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail and listen to stories, do activities, enjoy a treat and some juice. This program is a collaboration with Powell Branch and the Parks and Recreation Department. If the weather is poor, this program will be moved to the Powell Branch Library.

Preschool Storytime, Ages 3-5

Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25,

10:30 am, CEN

Stories, songs, and activities for 3-5 year-olds and their caregivers.

& MORE

Mommy & Me for Teen Moms, Birth -5

Tuesdays, June 13 & July 11, 6:30 pm, POW

Engage in early learning fun with songs, puppets, finger plays, and bubbles. Dads come too. Each family will receive a free early learning gift bag while supplies last.

Fathers Do Read, Family

Sat, June 17, 2-4 pm, CEN

Celebrate Father's Day by enjoying wonderful stories with Fathers Do Read special guest readers. Make a Father's Day card to give to someone special.

R Teddy Bear Clinic, Ages 4-6.

Thurs, June 22 & July 13, 10:30 am, CEN

MedExpress invites you to meet Mr. Sniffles, the teddy bear. Learn about healthy habits and health care treatments with medical equipment you see at a doctor's office. Listen to the story, the *Berenstain Bears Go to the Doctor*, and receive a copy to keep. Registration required.

Smile Savers, Ages 4-11

Thurs, June 22, 3 pm, POW
Thurs, July 20, 2 pm, WSQ

Learn about the importance of good oral health at this fun, engaging program presented by Smile Savers Mobile Dental Services. Free prizes and books while supplies last.



Growlers Skills Clinic,

Ages 8 and up

Mon, June 26, 1 pm, WSQ
Tues, July 11, 1 pm, OSH

Join the players from the Kalamazoo Growlers for a baseball skills clinic. Batter up! All skill levels welcome. Outdoor event!

R Kid Cuisine with

Kama Tai, Ages 6-11

Wed, June 28, 2 pm, POW
Mon, July 31, 2 pm, EAS

Learn how to eat right with healthy snacks and tasty summer salads. Registration required.

T Bubbleman, Family

Thurs, June 29, 10:30 am, EAS

Ron Loyd, the Bubbleman, continues to delight and amaze us with bubble tricks and demonstrations! FREE ticket required. Contact the branch for ticket information.



City Summer by Urban Folk Art Exploratory, Ages 6-11

Fridays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 11, 18, 1-3 pm, POW

Fridays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 11, 18, 2-4 pm, CEN

Don't slip and slide this summer! Be engaged at these fun, mind-challenging, and interactive workshops designed to sharpen your problem solving and critical thinking skills.

First Saturday @KPL, Family

Saturdays, July 1 & August 5, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

Come to the library and get your library card, check out some books, enjoy stories, engage in activities, meet special guests, and win door prizes.

July Host: Kalamazoo County 4-H

August Host: KPL 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

R Princess Tea Party, Ages 3-9

Sat, July 8, 2 pm, OSH

Enjoy a fairytale afternoon with Cinderella and friends as they sing, dance, and read stories with guests. Light refreshments provided. Registration required.

Vehicle Days, Family

Fri, July 14, 11 am-1 pm, WSQ
Thurs, August 10, 11 am-1 pm, OSH

Visit with some BIG vehicles for an outside program. Bring your camera! Weather permitting.

R Fresh Food is Fun, Ages 6-11

Thurs, July 20, 4 pm, EAS

Tues, August 1, 4 pm, POW

The Fresh Food Fairy will show you how 'eating a rainbow' can make you healthy and happy at this hands-on nutrition program. Registration required.

Japanese Taiko Drums, Family

Sat, July 22, 10:30 am, WSQ

The Kalamazoo College Taiko Drumming Troupe will amaze you with a performance of this exciting Japanese art form.

R Nerf War!, Ages 6 and up

Mon, July 24, 2 pm, WSQ

Are you Nerf enough? Run, dodge, and dive as you outwit and out-blast the competition at this Nerf mobile game event. Registration required.



T Alan Kazam the Magician, Family

Tues, August 8, 2 pm, POW and 6:30 pm, OSH

Don't miss this spectacular performance by Alan Kazam. FREE ticket required. Contact location for ticket information.

KPL's 6th Annual Lego Building Contest, Family

Sat, August 12, 10 am-4 pm, CEN and OSH

Enter your original Lego creations in the KPL Lego Building Contest. Be creative, have fun, and win great prizes! **Entries accepted between 10 and 5 pm on Friday, August 11.**

Creations will be on display for public voting on Saturday. Winners announced Monday, August 14. See official contest details and rules at www.kpl.gov/lego.



Movie and Popcorn: Moana, Family

Tues, August 15, 2 pm, POW

Enjoy this wonderful Disney movie featuring Moana, the daughter of a Polynesian tribal chief, who goes in search of a precious artifact that could save her people. Healthy snacks provided.





DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

It's Been a Great Ride!



I'm turning the page on this chapter of my life. As of June 30, I will be retiring from Kalamazoo Public Library.

At the time of this writing, I do not know

who will be taking over as the next KPL director. I do know there are several well-qualified candidates for our Board of Trustees to consider. I am confident they will make a good decision and hire a strong leader who will be a good fit for KPL and the community.

When I reflect on my career at KPL—almost twelve years as director and prior years in a variety of positions—I am proud to have been part of such incredible growth at KPL. Whether it was being a member of the Building Committee that built and renovated our five locations, or witnessing the evolution of the library into the digital age, it has been so fulfilling to be a part of the KPL legacy.

This role hasn't been without its challenges. In 2008, like many public services that depended on local property taxes to operate,

the library had a significant decrease in revenues. We undertook a strategic planning process and surveyed our community to determine our highest priority services. We reduced our staff by 10% through retirements and attrition, and dropped some services, most notably the bookmobile. Despite these hardships, we were able to keep all five KPL locations open for business. For a community of our size, having five locations is noteworthy in itself.

As the economy and thus property tax revenues stabilized, we were eager to provide new services to our community, including more programs for all ages; digital offerings including e-books, e-magazines, e-audio, and streaming movies; and the addition of a brand-new service, The Hub, our digital lab. We also grew our collection of popular materials.

While I am proud of all of our services, there are two that particularly make KPL unique in the public library world: the Kalamazoo County Law Library (partially funded by the county), and the ONEplace@KPL, our nonprofit management support center, funded by area foundations. I'll admit it's hard not to brag about these services to other library directors.

My love of books is what attracted me to a library career and motivated me to help make Kalamazoo a community of readers. Two KPL programs that are especially near to my heart are our Ready to Read program that prepares our community's children to be ready to learn to read when they enter

kindergarten, and Reading Together, which annually brings our community together to read the same book.

I have had a wonderful career here. It has been an honor to work with a dedicated staff that are passionate about our services and truly want to make a difference in our community. Our governing boards over the years have shown equal passion for the library and its place in the community. And finally, but most importantly, I have appreciated the support of the community that has continued to prioritize its local library as an essential service by voting for the passage of millages, participating in our programs and using our services.

Family and friends have asked me how to recognize my time at KPL. If I may be so forward, I'll share with you what I have told them: join the Friends of the Kalamazoo Public Library (kpl.gov/friends) or donate to our Ready to Read program.

I'm ready to move on to the next chapter, but it will certainly be bittersweet when I leave for the last time as a KPL employee. I'll be returning often, however, as a power user!



When I reflect on my career here, I am proud to
have been a part of such growth at KPL. – Ann

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